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SUBJECT: UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM VISIT TO NIGER

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ARRIVED NIAMEY NOON FEB 19 FROM BAMAKO. FLIGHT TO VISIT NOMAD REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR TCHIN TABARADEN IN AFTERNOON CANCELLED DUE TO SUDDEN SANDSTORM AND TOUR OF LAZARET CAMP OUTSIDE NIAMEY SUBSTITUTED. WALDHEIM AND PARTY APPEARED TO BE PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY CONDITIONS OF NOMADS AT CAMP.

2. IN EVENING WORKING SESSION PRESIDENT DIORI AND GON OFFICIALS DESCRIBED NIGER'S SITUATION RESULTING FROM DROUGHT AND SOUGHT COMMITMENTS FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT AID. UNDP RES REP SAID GON PRESENTED GRIM PICTURE CURRENT FOOD STATUS AND PLIGHT OF NOMADS AND BACKED UP CASE WITH TELLING STATISTICS REVEALING LARGE GAP BETWEEN NIGER'S NEEDS AND ITS CAPABILITIES OR MEANS TO MEET THEM. GON EXPRESSED CONCERN TO SEC GEN REGARDING DELAYS IN FOOD DELIVERIES FROM EXTERNAL DONORS.

3. IN STATEMENT AT PALACE, SEC GEN SAID HIS TRIP CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL SITUATION IN SAHEL HAS REMAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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URGENT AND THAT STRONG SHOW OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

WOULD BENEEDED TO SAVE THE SAHEL. HE PROMISED THAT UN,
WITH ITS MORAL INFLUENCE AS WELL AS MATERIAL RESOURCES, WOULD
DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO AID NIGER. HE ADDED HIS HOPE THAT
THE KIND OF MARSHALL PLAN PRESIDENT DIORI HAS ENVISAGED
FOR THE SAHEL WOULD MATERIALIZE.

4. SEC GEN DEPARTED NIAMEY EARLY MORNING FEB 20 FOR OUAGADOUGOU.
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